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Serial No. 10/821,131  
Reply to Office Action of January 17, 2006



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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Robert D. Earnest

Serial No.: 10/821,131

Group Art Unit: 1772

Filing Date: April 8, 2004

Examiner: Marc A. Patterson

For: INSULATED MATERIAL AND ARTICLES MADE THEREFROM

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**RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 17, 2006, the deadline for response thereto being February 17, 2006, Applicant submits the following response.

**The Restriction Requirement**

In the Office Action mailed January 17, 2006, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement and directed Applicant to elect between the following groups of claims for prosecution on the merits:

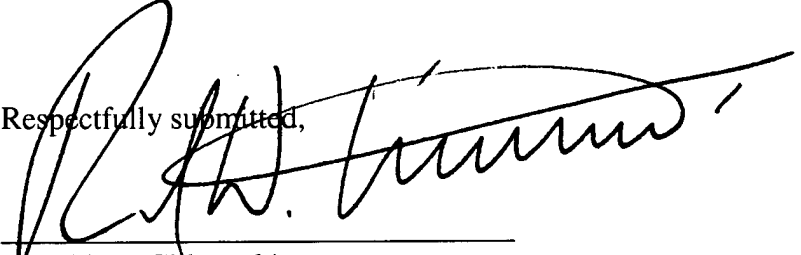
- I. Claims 1-17 and 22-31; and
- II. Claims 18-21.

In response to this restriction requirement Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-17 and 22-31, for prosecution on the merits. This election is made without

traverse. Applicant hereby reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

Any questions, comments or suggestions the Examiner may have should be directed to the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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